

# Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept 08, 5:00 pm (English)  
+ Frances Turecek r/b Betty Tichy.

Sunday, Sept 09, 9:00 am (English)

Sunday, Sept 09, 12 noon (Spanish)

Mon. Sept 10, 5:00

Tues. Sept 11, 5:00 pm

+ Nancy Eisenstein (1 month)  
r/b sister Carol.

+ The 2,996 immediate victims of the  
9-11 terrorist attack.

Wed, Sept 12, 5:00 pm

Thurs. Sept 13, 5:00 pm

+ Gerry & Helen Tichy r/b family.

+ Pedro Peñaloza (birth day  
remembrance) r/b family.

Friday, Sept 14, NO MASS

Saturday, Sept 15, 5:00 pm (English)

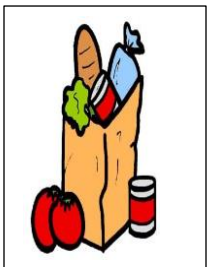
+ Lucy & Salvatore Tommasi r/b  
Elizabeth Speciale & family.

Sunday, Sept 16, 10:30 bilingual  
Mass

+ Josephine Albanese r/b Karen &  
Robert Orgorment.

## HINKA'S CUPBOARD

Our next pantry date is Sept  
27. We are in need of cake and  
brownie mix, soup, rice, and  
pasta. We have donation bins in  
our church foyer and our hall.



WEEKLY  
CEREAL &  
CAN GOODS  
REPORT  
36 lbs. & \$20.00

## 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 9, 2018

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Sept 2, 2018 = \$3,519.00

Sept 3, 2017 = \$3,923.00

YTD (Year to Date)

2017/18 = \$33,363.00

2016/17 = \$33,720.00

### THE SECOND COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND IS FOR ST

.JOHN PAUL 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHOOL

### ATTENDANCE FOR

Sept 1 & 2, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm = xxx96

Sun. 9:00 am = 110

Sun. 12 noon = 180

TOTAL = 321

HEALING PRAYERS FOR: Helen  
LoGuidice Bousquet, Rick Csuhata,  
Jack Romegialli, Norma Ramirez,  
Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James  
Rosado, Pablo Alborado, Frank &  
Sandy Magnoli, Sue d'Antonio, Sal  
Quadarella, Tatiana Johnson,  
Robert Condron, Ron Sirles,  
Carmen Rivera.

## PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST

DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – NOON

ADULTS - \$8.00, CHILDREN 3-12 - \$3:00, UNDER 3 FREE

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AFTER ALL MASSES!

(ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE)

## UPOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANIS

St. Vincent DePaul Dinner – September 9

Nominations for the St. Francis Award – September 8 & 9

Multicultural Meeting, Thursday, Sept 13, 6:30 pm.

Voting for St. Francis Award – September 15 & 16

MULTICULTURAL EVENT – Sept 16, 12:00 p.m. Parish Center

The return of the COFFEE SOCIAL - Kicks-off with a

PANCAKE/EGG BREAKFAST on Sept. 23, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast – Including Scrambled Eggs,

Pancakes, Sausages, Bagels, Toast, Juice, Coffee or

Tea. Adults: \$8 Children 3-12 - \$3 Under 3 Free

October 6 – Feast of St. Francis- Dinner: Chicken Parm,

Penne ala Vodka, Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Hot &

Cold Beverages. Adults: \$20 (Dinner catered by Silvana

Pandolfe) Entertainment: Raffle, and

Music by Xavier Jazz Quartet

November 10 – Festival of Angels Fair

**MULTICULTURAL MASS  
ONLY ONE BILINUGAL MASS ON SUNDAY,  
SEPT 16 AT 10:30 AM  
FINAL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH at 6:30 P.M.**

**IMMIGRATION NEWS** (Dana Bucin, Immigration Lawyer and Parishioner of St. Francis.)  
There has been a HUGE Supreme Court case (Pereira v. Sessions) that recently resulted in opening up a legal avenue for folks who have been here for over 10 years, have US citizens immediate relatives and even a deportation order And who can now apply to reopen their deportation order so they can gain permanent residence. We have been BUSY filing these cases but there is a deadline of September 21.

**CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION**

This September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. This will only be an in-pew collection. Donation envelopes will be available in church. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our futures truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Our 11 Diocesan elementary schools offer families a safe and nurturing environment in which to entrust their children's academic, social and moral growth, preparing them to become the future leaders of our church and communities. All funds collected at this parish will stay here for our school, therefore please be generous to assure the future viability of our school.

**BILINGUAL BULLETIN**

Work has begun on collecting adds for our upcoming bilingual bulletin. LPI Corporation of Cromwell is in charge of this project. As our parish grows and changes we have to do the same. The integration of both communities is happening much faster than we imagine. It is a challenge for everyone but we here at St. Francis like a good challenge!!!

**TRIPS TO AND FOR HAITI**

– This weekend I am in Chatham, New York, southeast of Albany, to give a mission appeal for our Diocesan Outreach to Haiti. Two weeks later, I will be off to Graham, Texas, for the same purpose. My one and only trip to Haiti was in January of 2014 and I will be returning there in the last week of October. I will then be a “double expert” on all things Haitian.

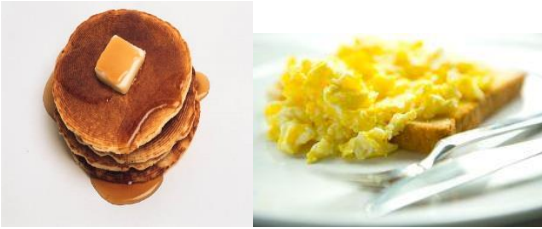
**NOMINATIONS FOR THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AWARD**

In 2015 we initiated a tradition of honoring an individual, who through his/her acts of kindness, piety and generosity have embraced the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. We will be honoring two recipients, one from the English speaking community and one from the Spanish speaking community. Each community will vote separately on their nominations. Nomination forms will be distributed at all Masses on this weekend (September 8/9.) The top three (3) individuals with the most nominations from each of the communities will then be selected. The following weekend a vote will determine who shall receive this year's awards. The recipients of the awards will be honored at the Feast of St. Francis Dinner on October 6th.

**POPE FRANCIS AND HIS ENEMIES .....**

When a new coach comes in he often brings in new assistant coaches that he knows from his former team. The coaches who are there are now out of a job. This happens all the time. Pope Francis is the “new coach” of the Catholic Team. He has men he trusts and has placed them in positions of power and authority to help him run the church. The “former coaches” are not happy campers. Losing their power and influence is not something they ever imagined. So they are trying to undermine Francis' agenda. They will not succeed!

# ST FRANCIS PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST



**DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> - TIME: 8:00 A.M. – NOON**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of volunteers to help make the flapjack and eggs, or assist with whatever needs to be done i.e. setting up the hall, making sure that the supplies are replenished and help clean up after the breakfast. Ideally, we would like to have 10 volunteers. There will be two teams -one from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and one from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. The eggs and pancakes will be made fresh on electric grills. Please contact Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870 or Sherry Schlechtweg at (860) 346-4383 if you can help us out.

**TICKET SALES-START NEXT WEEK!**

The tickets for the Pancake & Egg Breakfast will go on sale beginning next Saturday, August 25 and continue through Sunday, September 9. The donation for the tickets is Adults - \$8, Children 3-12- \$3 and under 3 are Free. Volunteers needed to sell tickets after the 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday's 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses. Please contact Sue Gombotz at (860) 346-1870. Tickets will also be on sale at the Parish Center Office. Please purchase your ticket as soon as possible to ascertain an accurate count to purchase supplies. Thank you.

## **BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS"**

Many of you may remember that we did a fundraiser with Macy's ("Shop for a Cause") years back. Well, Boscov's Department Store in Meriden (Westfield Mall) is sponsoring a very similar offer. Everyone who purchases a \$5 "Friends Helping Friends" pass will receive a 25% discount shopping pass for purchases made only on October 16, 2018. (Some exclusion apply, see back of pass.) In addition, you will be eligible to win a \$500 gift card! Also, all organizations who participate will be eligible to win a \$100 gift card for their organization! All ticket sale proceeds will go directly to our parish and will be used to help defray the cost for our main raffle prize for our November 10<sup>th</sup> "Festival of Angels Fair".

So why not purchase a pass and visit Boscov's on October 16 for discounted shopping, free refreshments, and entertainment while helping support St. Francis Parish. Tickets are available after the weekend Masses.

## **ANNIVERSARY MASS**

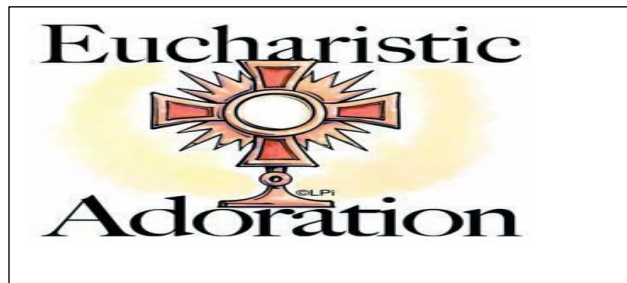
All couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary year are invited to attend a Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2 P.M. Come and renew your commitment to live your marriage in holiness in a Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Register through your parish by October 9th. For more information, call the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS**

Adoration is held every 2nd Sunday between masses.

\*\*Adoration/Holy hour every Thursday at, 11 am – 5 pm.

\*\* Sister Gloria leads this and it is mostly in Spanish.



## **VISITING OUR SHUT- INS**

As our parish ages with the English-speaking community, we have more and more parishioners unable to get to church. We currently send out 21 bulletins but I'm sure the number could be triple that. We need coordination of our shut-ins as well as those members of the Spanish community who can no longer attend Mass.

## **Saint Sebastian Church Hall**

Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 11 am - 8 pm Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage \$10 Adults, \$5 Children (8 & Under) Tickets on Sale After All Masses. Tickets Available at the Door. Deliveries available for orders of \$5 or more. Please contact Connie Didato at 860-652-5417.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Whatever your current status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, whatever your own self-image or esteem, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

## **NEW PEOPLE NEEDED**

Being a Reader or Eucharistic Minister is not supposed to be a life time position. After three years it is highly recommended that new people come on board and those who are replaced can always help out when needed. They don't forget how to read or distribute Jesus' life-saving Body or Blood. They are always "on call."

Please be advised that the November 28 bus trip to Newport Playhouse is sold out. If you wish, your name can be put on a wait list, Thank you everyone for supporting St. Francis bus trips. :) Sue Gombotz

## **WEATHER ALERT**

If the weather is too hot and you do not feel safe coming to church, stay home and watch Mass on TV.

## **2018-19 Theme Retreat for Women: *The World Will be Saved by Beauty***

"The World Will be Saved by Beauty," is a weekend women's retreat that will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, in Farmington. It begins Friday evening on October 26, 2018 at 7:00pm to Sunday, October 28 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme encourages us to spend time looking for what is beautiful, and to focus on those things that lift us up and help us feel closer to God, the One who sends beauty to refresh, nurture, and sustain us. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch. Offering is \$265. To register and view our other available Women's Retreat dates: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, [olcretreat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net).

**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RED MASS, CATHEDRAL  
OF SAINT PATRICK,  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.**

You are cordially invited to the celebration of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. You are of course, invited to vest in stole and alb for the Mass. A Breakfast Reception will follow at the Bishop's Residence to which you are invited. Please RSVP to Terri at The Chancery – at 860-887-9294.

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, will host and celebrate the *28<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 7, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick Cathedral, 213 Broadway, Norwich*, for judges, lawyers, paralegal, law students - all involved in administration of justice: legislators, public officials, civic leaders, and all interested persons are invited. The Very Reverend Ted Tumicki, Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Norwich, will concelebrate the Red Mass and deliver the homily this year. Bishop Cote will also host the Breakfast Reception at his Residence, 274 Broadway, Norwich. Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Terri at The Chancery – at 860-887-9294.

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik is the coordinator of the Mass and Michael Driscoll, Esq., Diocesan Attorney, is President of the Catholic Guild of Lawyers.

**TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MASS FOR  
FIREFIGHTERS/EMS PERSONNEL  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018, AT 5:00 P.M.**

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Each year, brothers and sisters of all faiths gather to thank God for their calling, to pray for their safety, and to remember their fallen colleagues. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession (to the Cathedral) of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Homilist will be Deacon Scott Brown, Deacon Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Cranston, RI. Reception immediately following. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call, Mrs. Terri Zampini at 860-887-9294, x265.